

## SENATE RESOLUTION 4

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alexander Schoelkopf upon being named a recipient of the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Schoelkopf, an esteemed resident of Germantown and a senior at Memphis University School, has achieved national respect for his consummate volunteer service by receiving a 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2010, all public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Schoelkopf is the president of his school's Civic Service Organization which conducted sixty-seven projects, donated more than 2,000 service hours, and raised nearly \$14,000 for charity last year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schoelkopf earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy to coordinate projects for his school's organization, and he planned and executed numerous acts of kindness that included serving meals to sick children, tutoring, donating pet supplies, and conducting drives for local food banks; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Alexander Schoelkopf who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others, even at a young age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and honor Alexander Schoelkopf as a Distinguished Finalist and a recipient of the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizing his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to him our best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.